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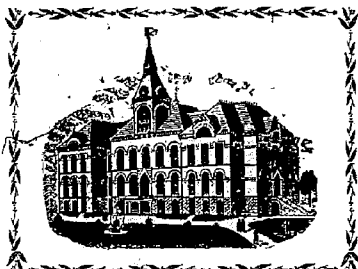
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CARBONDALE, ILL., JULY AND AUGUST, 1888.

NO. 4.

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## The Alumni.

### WHEREABOUTS AND DOINGS.

#### G. V. BUCHANAN.

Robert M. Allen, class of '87, has spent the past year as a law student in Springfield, Ill. He will probably spend the present year as a student in the law department of the Ann Arbor University. Robert attended the commencement this year, shaking hands with his many Carbondale friends.

James H. England, class of '77, continues to teach in winter and farm in summer, and he has the reputation of doing both very well. One thing we notice with much regret and that is the absence of Mr. E. from our Alumni meetings although his home is so near.

Miss Lizzie M. Sheppard, class of '80, has completed her second successful year of teaching at Omaha, Neb., and is now spending the vacation at her Carbondale home. Miss Sheppard is apt and scholarly and but few teachers possess such rare power for disciplining and imparting knowledge. These gifts energetically used have placed Miss Sheppard in a high position among her fellow teachers.

Albin Z. Glick, class of '87, has not taught since graduation. About ten months ago he married Snrida Nave, of Carbondale, and now assists his wife in keeping a neat and tasteful line of milliner's goods.

Miss Anna L. Burkett, class of '84, has taught but one year since graduation. She prefers to remain at home where she finds more time for reading and other pleasant pastimes.

Edgar L. Stormont, class of '86, taught successfully the past year in the public schools of Chester. Aside from being thoroughly posted in the branches

to be taught, Mr. Stormont has been a great reader of useful books and his mind is well stored with such knowledge as will aid him materially as a teacher. His future in the profession is certainly very bright.

Miss Gertrude Hull, class of '85, has not taught except to give some assistance in the training department of this University. She remains at home where her presence lends cheer and neatness to one of the nicest homes of Carbondale. Thoroughly intelligent and well versed in literature, her influence is of great benefit to the society.

Steuben D. Wham, class of '87, taught a good school in his home district, Marion county, last year and is employed as principal of the Tamarion schools for the ensuing year. Mr. Wham has had a good deal of experience as a teacher and will fill the position with credit to himself and friends and satisfaction to his patrons.

Miss Seva Smith, class of '87, seems entirely satisfied with Carbondale life, and not desiring to teach she spends her time at home. Miss Seva is as jolly as when a school girl—yes we believe even more so—and her pleasant and winning ways are a delight to her many friends.

Mark D. Harmon, class of '87, taught successfully near Grayville last year and is employed as principal of the North Side schools in Grayville for the coming year. However, Mr. H. is a candidate for the Republican nomination for circuit clerk in Edwards county and if nominated his teaching will cease for a time, as the nomination of that party in little Edwards is equivalent to an election. If Mr. H. is not nominated he will give the other fellow a close race. At present he is exercising his abilities in making "stump speeches."

Miss Helen Bryden, class of '85, has taught successfully for three years in the schools of Jackson county; the last two years she has taught in Carbondale where she is re-employed. This speaks well for Miss Bryden's usefulness as a teacher and is a pleasure to her many friends who wish her continued success.

Richmond Plant, class of '78, pursued the study of law, was admitted to practice and located in St. Louis where he practiced for a time, then went into business for himself, then taught school and is now traveling for a corporation and seems well pleased with his work. Within the last few years his business has taken him into every State and Territory of the Union and into Canada and Mexico. A little more than a year ago Mr. Plant married Miss Addie, daughter of Dr. C. T. Farrell, Cobden, Illinois. They are not yet located, but will probably live at 8819 Kossuth Ave., St. Louis. It would seem that the ten years which have passed since Mr. P. has graduated have taken none of the light and warmth out of his disposition but have only served to develop his faculties into a ripe manhood.

Miss Minnie A. Tait, class of '87, spent a portion of the past year visiting

among friends and relatives in Canada. The latter part of the year was passed in Carbondale. Miss Tait is an accomplished musician, and this, with her many other good qualities, make her a useful and attractive member of Carbondale's best society.

Lewis E. Johnston, class of '87, taught school near Carlyle last year, but, although he succeeded well with his school, Lewis doesn't "like the thing" very much and concludes he isn't cut out for a "school man." He visited the University last spring where he met hosts of warm friends who made his visit a very pleasant one.

Mrs. Clara Buchanan Merrymon, class of '84, taught two years next after graduation in the Effingham public schools and then gave up teaching and was married to Mr. Harry Merrymon, and lives in Carbondale. They have a bright little boy who will be applying for admission to the training department in a few years.

Below we give the address to the Zetetic class of '83, delivered by J. M. Parkinson at the Spring entertainment of the society. It is replete with good thoughts and deserves even a larger audience than we are able to give it:

#### ADDRESS TO CLASS OF 1888.

God has created the individual as well as the aggregate of mankind for a purpose. As the purposes of God are fulfilled so is the individual a success, so are the different committees and governments of mankind a success.

It is an erroneous idea that this world contains only a few geniuses. We are all geniuses if we only find the sphere for which we were created; we all have especial adaption and fitness for some one thing. It may be great; it may be small. It may encompass the globe; it may simply fill our home with sunshine and the light and the joy of love.

What led to the success of Moses, or David, or Caesar, or Raphael, or Angelo, or Shakespeare? What made a Cromwell, or a Newton, or a Milton? To come nearer to the present and home, in what does the fame of Washington or Jefferson, or Webster, or Clay, or Peabody, or Cooper, or Lincoln, or Grant, or Logan consist?

And wherein lies any weakness that may be attributed to any of these great men?

What has caused the failure, the shame and the ruin of the countless numbers who have flitted for a time in the noonday of life like a moth of a summer's day, and then have disappeared behind a cloud of darkness, of disappointed hopes, and blighted ambition or it may be in disgrace and ruin?

What is true of individuals is true of nations. God sets them up as lights or milestones along the highway of Time. But they may perish from the face of the earth; they may sink into utter obscurity.

Phoenicia, who gave to the world the alphabet, whose commercial interests spread throughout all Western Asia and reached even beyond the "Pillars of Heracles." Where now her mighty cities? Where the masts of her myriad

ships? Ask the fishermen who dry their nets where once stood the great city of Tyre. Ask the waves that beat upon the rocky and barren shore, where once in her glory and pride she challenged the nations of the earth.

Egypt, within whose realm was born the early civilization of the world; whose mighty power was known throughout all time to be the study of the antiquarian and hieroglyphist. Where is her glory gone? Ask her stupendous ruins, among which is not found the remnant of a single temple dedicated to the true God.

Greece, nestled among her hills, whose water boundaries give every part of her realm intercourse with the outside world, developing the greatest heathen civilization the world has ever known; within whose borders the germ of the intelligence, the literature, the science and the education which we now enjoy was planted. Where now is her glory and pride? Read the productions of her great authors and learn from them to whom she bowed in reverence.

As the character of a nation is determined by the character of her people; our permanence and safety, as a nation, is in righteousness toward God and justice to mankind.

Then, Fellow Zetetics, Members of Graduating Class of 1888, is there any work before you? Is our nation as pure as it ought be? Have we any reason to believe, as a nation, we have forgotten the goodness of God to us? Do we as improve by the dire disasters that have come to us again and again? Do we learn saving lessons from civil war, or the strife of faction, or the destructive cyclone, or the raging epidemic, or the blasting drouth? Does the political corruption which has poisoned the foundations of public virtue and bedimed the high places of authority, making free government at times a hissing and a byword in all the earth, point out a work to you? Does the drunkenness and licentiousness that stagger and blaspheme in our streets touch a cord of anxiety or concern about our nation's future welfare?

To you and to your fellow workers from other educational centers is given the scepter of nations. You may be called upon to fill legislative halls; you may be asked to occupy the judge's bench. Your work may be to direct the military forces of the land. Your place of action may be in the commercial world. It may be for you to become renowned in scientific circles, or the leaders in the education of the youth, or perhaps it is for some of you to be called to the highest, the most sacred sphere in life; to be the Queens and Mothers in our homes, whose kindly feeling, tender sympathy, patient forbearance, and holy teachings shape the future of nations that will bless God.

Whatever may be your sphere in life, let your conduct be such as shall fill the mission of your creation; and whether your work be high or low, strive earnestly and faithfully, and success will crown your efforts.

While we are loath to part from you, (Continued on 29th Page.)

## The Societies.

### ZETETIC SOCIETY.

"Learn to Labor and to Wait."

#### OFFICERS.

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History of its Organization.

MARY WRIGHT.

Soon after the opening of the first term of the Southern Illinois Normal school in September, 1874, the necessity of literary societies was frequently and earnestly discussed by the students. A "Young Men's Debating Club" was soon established, and the young ladies were urged to organize a similar society for their own improvement. But some of them objected to exclusive societies, on the ground that they are not in harmony with the principles of co-education, and that the refining influences of literary work, and the culture to be derived from it, should be open to both sexes alike, the same as the other educational advantages are free to all in union labor.

As a result of this discussion, early in October, 1874, nine young men, and four young women met together, and framed a constitution and by-laws, and elected the first officers of the Zetetic society. Honor is due these students for the work begun and so organized that all new members entered into the immediate results without the care and anxiety that oppressed this band of beginners. The society hall was in the north-west corner of the third floor of the old building, and here the first regular meeting was held by the light of two tallow candles, but the light was not dimmed by such surroundings, and business progressed. There were just enough members to give each an office, or special committee work, and we all enjoyed these special honors. At the

next meeting we realized how well the committee on furnishings had done its work. There were two light stands, one for the President and one for the Secretary, and two large kerosene lamps brightly illuminated the immediate space around said stands. The hall was seated with recitation benches, and chairs for the President and Secretary were borrowed from some classroom, to be returned, however, before the next Monday morning.

In spite of these small beginnings the Zetetic Society grew, and adopted these beautiful words from our own loved Longfellow, "Learn to labor and to wait," for its motto, which has been an inspiration to labor and patience, has grown into the life effort until achievement has crowned some weary in waiting with peace and rest.

We can look back upon those days with just satisfaction, while reading between the lines, and realize that the foundation was well laid, and that many have built well upon it. It depends on personal effort what the character will be, and every original idea of the Zetetic Society was to develop the powers of the intellect, and educate the head and heart together, that each character may be rounded and full, and the influence of its members be for the pure and noble in life. It is many years since I left the charmed circle, but the memories of those days, the battles fought, the victories won, the many defeats, and the constant endeavor to attain the best results of labor, are some of the

"mile posts" along the way I have trod, and I turn back to those hours on Friday night with "smiles and tears," and much gratitude for the opportunities our State has generously placed in our way.

Zetetics should be especially earnest, for they have rare opportunities to be used or abused. Do not let it be the latter. You should remember that you enjoy the benefits gained by the endeavors of others, and to the following are due the honor of the first efforts for the Society: Messrs. Roberts, Flannigan, Thompson, McAnally, Abernathy, Drad. Kane, J. N. Brown, John Wood, Misses Morrow, Roberts, Sherman and Wright.

I do not know where all of them are. Mr. Abernathy died in 1887, I believe, and the rest are scattered from north to south, and from east to west, each doing his and her part to advance the principles gained in our society work, and the school which gave us such advantages.

MORRIS, ILL., Aug. 2, 1888.

#### PERSONAL.

As a result of the action of the Zetetic committee, who prepared and mailed a circular letter to each member of the society, we present the following Zetetic notes. The report is not what we hoped to make to our readers; but this we do not consider our fault. We had announced our plans in our editorial columns in the May and June numbers and requested correspondence. The society then took the matter in hand, appointing a committee, empowering them to prepare a letter to be sent to the old members, asking them to write us a lengthy letter advising us of their whereabouts, etc. The committee did their work promptly and well; but only a small per cent. of the old members of the society responded to the call, and only one or two of the members who were in last year wrote us anything whatever. Now we can't know everything, and in this issue we have only noticed the members of the society who have responded to the call of the committee. If we have missed you, whose fault is it? But please remember that the GAZETTE will be issued each month and that notes from old students are gladly received and published at all times, for this is partly our object. Zetetics, will you not remember us?

Chas. M. Jerome, after taking his degree at the Commercial College at Jacksonville, went west. He is still at Anthony, Kan. and is doing well.

W. A. Nash spent part of the year at the Northwestern University, at Evanston, Ill., the past year, and during part of the vacation his face could be seen on the streets of Carbondale, but he is now holding a clerkship in a Chicago house.

J. L. Barton, or Logo, as we always called him, is still Official Court Stenographer for the First Judicial District and is giving the best of satisfaction. And that is not all, for he is making money and a host of friends in his rounds.

J. M. Parkinson, a staunch Zetetic in every sense of the word, is expecting to return and complete the long course this year. No person has been more earnest in Society work than he, and in the class of '89 we will lose in his graduation one of our most earnest workers.

D. W. Warren, always so ready and faithful in the performance of Society duties, has spent his vacation at home and we are glad to say will be with us again the coming year. D. W. was

never wanting when the call was made and has done much for the old Zetetic Society.

Edward T. Dunaway has spent his vacation dealing out sugar and coffee over the counter of the famous New York Store of this city, of which his father is proprietor. Ed. has the honor of being the first officer placed on the retired list of the Douglas Cadet Corps and carries his honors modestly.

H. G. Easterly, after traveling for three years in Arizona and California, settled down to farming, and from reports is doing well. He is now the fortunate possessor of a fortunate wife who was before she became Mrs. Easterly, Miss Anna Arnold, of Carbondale. We wish George and his charming wife all the happiness possible.

C. A. Vancil, an old Zetetic, was employed for some time in the State asylum at Asylum, Neb. What he is doing now we know not; but we received a note from him saying: "Please send my paper to No. 615 S. 30th St., Lincoln, Neb." But we are sure C. A. is having success in whatever he may have attempted. Report, Vancil.

Delia Nave, of the class of '83, taught one year at Limestone, Union County, one year at Shiloh Hill, as principal, and studied art at Cincinnati the year of '88. Since that time she has taught a second term at Shiloh Hill. She taught a seven months term at Metropolis the last year, having 146 pupils enrolled. She is now at her home in Carbondale.

A. J. Snyder, another of our very earnest and enthusiastic workers, has been traveling this summer for the Loomis National Library Association. He has visited a great many of the towns of Southern Illinois, and although he has not yet made his fortune, nor met his fate, yet while at Old DuQuoin he found two four leaf clovers which may have their significance.

Ira M. Baker will be remembered as a student in '85, and also an active Zetetic. She has taught three successive terms in the public schools of Anna, Ill., and will have charge of the Grammar department at Coblen for the coming year. She has been enjoying her vacation at her country home, spending most of her time in painting. We hope to see Miss Baker often as she is so near.

William Wall's has been in Carbondale all the vacation; but from some cause we have failed to see but little of him. We do not think it is because he dreads the editor's sanction, but from what we can gather, Will has cloistered himself with his books and is doing some writing; so we think that we can safely announce that he will be ready for the next society year with some masterly productions.

C. A. Sheppard, who was a Zetetic in the days when they sat on hard wooden benches and split-bottom chairs and their furniture consisted of a small stand, a few coal oil lamps and two chronos, is still the proprietor of the "Normal Book Store" and seems to still enjoy the confidence and patronage of all the students. Charley is just as polite and as good looking as when a school boy.

Dr. W. R. Fringer is located at Memphis, Tenn., and is now a member of the firm of Drs. G. W. & W. R. Fringer. The Doctor is well prepared for his chosen profession, having graduated with the class of '85 and then took a course in the Chicago Medical College, receiving his "sheep skin" with the class of '87 from that institution, and

immediately began the practice of his profession with his brother at Memphis. We bespeak for him a bright future.

Harry Moss, one of our enthusiastic Zetetics, has spent his vacation on his father's farm and is very busy. He took time, however, to spend a few days in fishing at Shafer creek and Glory's Bend. Harry on his return presented one of Driver's prominent belles a pet coon as a token of his regard. Harry has shown ability in declamation and debate and we are glad to know that he expects to be with us again this year.

Miss Lu Bird, Hendee, class of '84, has spent her time the last year at her home, LaCade, Ill., and has been reviewing some of her studies. She sends many pleasant words of greeting to her former teachers and her old school mates. She says: "My wish is that we may have a happy reunion in the 'Blessed hereafter.'"

She has many compliments for the GAZETTE, which we defer publishing from modesty.

Chas. E. Naylor, one of our most earnest and faithful Zetetics, has been putting in his time during vacation in teaching music, having classes at Vandalia, Brownstown, St. Elmo and Altamont. Charley has always been foremost with his genius in making our programs the grand success they have been. He never does anything by halves and what we have accomplished in introducing new features into our work is largely due to his efforts. We are glad to know that we will have him with us another year.

D. B. Fager, since graduating in '88, has taught two years at Galatia, Ill., one spring term in the Southern Illinois College, at Enfield, and spent two years as principal of the public schools at Anna.

He was married during the vacation of last year to Miss Fannie D. McAnally, of the class of '86. Mr. Fager was associated with the Shawneetown schools, as principal, the last year and will serve the people of Collinsville in the same capacity the coming year. Mr. and Mrs. Fager are at present visiting relatives in this city.

W. S. Jennings, after leaving the University, spent two years at the law school in Chicago, and afterwards a short time with his brother at Salem. Thinking that he would find a better opening in the south he went to Brooksville, Florida, and time has proven that he was not mistaken as he is now County Judge of Hernando County, and is enjoying the proceeds of a large and lucrative practice.

He is also Grand Conductor of the State organization of "United Friends of Temperance" and is an earnest worker in the temperance cause.

Geo. T. Turner, class of '87, taught the past year at Carrollton, Ill., with the best of success and was offered the same position again for this year, but preferred a place in the Vandalia schools which was offered him, it being a step in advance, wages better, etc. George has been doing law office work during vacation and reading with the expectation of making law his profession, as he says "The most glorious of all professions." From his letter we suppose he is taking an active part in the campaign; and no doubt that George by his sound logic and eloquence will do much for the party with which he is identified.

Mr. E. J. Hodge, after leaving the University, spent a year in the Jacksonville Business College, graduating from that institution last year. He is now down at Saltillo, Mexico, acting as private secretary for his father who is a

railroad contractor and at present working on a Mexican road. Ed. says he is 569 miles from the Texas line, 40 miles from San Luis Potosi, and 490 from the City of Mexico. He expected to visit the City of Mexico soon after writing to us. Ed. has good business qualifications and is well fitted for a good place by his tact and ability, and we wish for him much success.

J. H. Pasley will be remembered as a student in the spring term of '86. Since that time he has been teaching in the winter and farming in the summer and seems to be a success in both things. He has been teaching for six years within a radius of three miles of his home, Brownstown. His wages have been very good all the time and he now carries a first grade certificate with an average grade of 95. He closes by quoting our motto, "Learn to Labor and to Wait."

Mrs. Adella Goodall Mitchell, class of '82, taught as first assistant in the Marion High School for three years. In the spring of '86 she went in partnership with Dr. H. C. Mitchell, with the firm name of Dr. H. C. Mitchell and wife. The next year they removed to Carbondale, where the Doctor by his skill and pleasant manner has succeeded in building up a practice second to none in this city. The Doctor and his wife have permanently located and will build a beautiful and commodious residence in the near future on West Main street just west of Col. Brush's home, and are quite an addition to our little city.

R. H. Perrott, a jolly Zetetic, responds to the call with a good long letter of which the following is a part: He is spending his vacation at his father's farm in Richland and Lawrence counties, and hopes to be able to attend the Normal again after this year.

"The pedagogical roll still contains my name. I have taught four terms with the best results. My last term was an eight month term at Calhoun, Ill., with a Socratic sister as an assistant. I have been reemployed for the same time next year.

The dates of my attendance at the S. I. N. U. are '85, '86 and '87. I became a Zetetic on entering the school and expect to remain one as long as I live. Success to all Zetetics. Take out motto to you, 'Learn to Labor and to Wait.'"

Mark D. Harman, class of '87, has written us a long, interesting letter, saying many good things about the school, GAZETTE, society, etc. We can not publish it all, but the following is what he says of himself:

"After graduation I came home and went to farming and finally concluded to teach school near Grayville. About the first of April I closed what the people insisted on calling a successful term of school. I was offered the school again at increased wages but the public schools of Grayville could pay me much better wages and give me longer term and it was but natural that I took it. At present I am under engagement to teach as principal in the Grayville North Side Schools at a good salary for the coming year.

"At this writing I am on the farm but my work will close next week, and then I will enter into a complete canvas of Edwards county for the office of Circuit Clerk. Just what my first venture in politics will result in is yet to be seen."

We sincerely hope that Mark will succeed in his aspirations for we think he could fill the place with credit.

The following will explain why we did not receive as long a letter from our old friend Harry Zuck as we expected:

"I had resolved last Saturday afternoon to write you a long letter as requested. The more pressing duty of trying to save some of our household goods and personal effects from our burning home, prevented my carrying out this good resolution. Fortunately, we suffered nothing but pecuniary loss, but unfortunately we are not the only sufferers. Everyone has gone nobly to work to retrieve shattered fortunes, and in a few months we shall have a better, more prosperous town reared on the ashes of our homes and business houses."

"I shall probably resume teaching in September, as I have been offered my last winter's school at a salary of \$80 per month.

"I shall be pleased to answer any questions the readers of the GAZETTE may wish to ask in regard to this portion of the west. Letters addressed to Holbrook, Arizona Territory, will always reach me.

"Wishing success to the dear Normal and all its appurtenances, I remain  
Yours respectfully,  
HARRY Z. ZUCK.

"HOLBROOK, ARIZ. T. Y."

Jennie Snyder, a student of this University and a Zetetic member in the winter and spring term of '87, dates her letter to the GAZETTE, Erwin, Dakota Territory. She has been in the Territory something over a year and has completed four terms of school of three months each. She was then "teaching a school of twenty-eight pupils in a town whose growth dates from last fall. It is on a branch of the C. M. & St. P. R. R. Unlike the proverbial western town we are not favored with a newspaper or a saloon.

"Teachers in this section of the Territory are not as plentiful as school houses. If any of our Zetetic friends are searching for new fields of labor, do not be withheld by the fear of a Dakota winter. That the past winter was an exceptionally severe one, is granted by all. I taught a country school from early in October until the first of April, notwithstanding the fact that I have weakened to find my bed and the floor of my room drifted over with snow, while the mercury registered thirty-nine below. I never before enjoyed such excellent health.

"It has been said that we have the four seasons here, but they are June, July, August and winter.

"I close with warmest wishes to all University friends."

Miss Mary Wright, class of '76, spent last year at Cobden, Ill., her home. She has made an enviable reputation as a teacher, having taught every year since her graduation with the exception of last year. We are sorry to note that she is in delicate health and we hope for her speedy recovery. Miss Wright took an active part in the organization of the Zetetic Society and was its first President. She has written a sketch of the organization of the society, which will be read with interest by all of our members. The lady has been visiting friends and relatives in the northern part of the State. Miss Wright has promised us a more complete history of the society at some future time, which we will be glad to give to our readers.

Miss Anna Moss, who we so well remember as the sweet singer, taught in the Mt. Vernon, Ill., schools last year and is re-employed for the coming year. Miss Moss is having a delightful time at her home, near Mt. Vernon, during vacation and says she never enjoyed a vacation so much. She enjoys the teacher's work very much and is looking forward to a year of pleasure and profit. She closes by wishing the old Zetetic Society the grandest of success.

Mr. J. T. Ellis, one of our old sup-

porters and an earnest worker in our Society, has been assisting the County Superintendent of Jefferson county in the institute work. Jake is enthusiastic for Harrison and Morton and has much to say about the prospect; but as this paper is not a campaign sheet we do not insert it. He has evidently been having a jolly good time and as his letter tells it so much better than we can, we give it verbatim:

MY DEAR SIR:

Write a letter to the GAZETTE? To be sure. What a pleasure!

To old friends and "Zetetics" greetings: Hope you are all having as jolly a vacation as I am. But of course you are not.

Am at home in the country, eating peaches and melons, assisting in the culinary department, and also helping the lady boarders from the city take care of the children. What a delightful way to pass away the time.

But now I come to my first and only love—the Zetetic Society—and she's a jewel. What a work she has done for all of us. But what will she do for the hundreds that are to follow! Our work for the coming year will greatly decide this. Each one of us must do what he can to steer the old ship right ahead. What's the matter with the Zetetic craft? "She's all right." But do we not need more sailors? Let us invite our fellow students to embark with us. But we should follow our plan of cordial invitation and not rope in the new students with a lasso. Nor should we ever allow pride for our society to carry us so far from the path of honest dealing as to buy members with a smaller initiation fee than our constitution allows. The old members will no doubt remember Dr. Allyn's advice about "playing fair."

I will be happy to meet every brother and sister Zetetic with a hearty shake, and give or receive a word of encouragement.

I extend my most cordial wishes for unparalleled success for the GAZETTE, as I know you richly deserve it.

Respectfully,

J. T. ELLIS.

EDITORS NORMAL GAZETTE:

My Dear Friends:—The communication from the Zetetic Society requesting me to write my autobiography for publication in your influential sheet meets my hearty concurrence. No paper I take affords me more pleasure and none I read with more interest than the NORMAL GAZETTE. The old Normal could not have a better recommendation than this paper.

It shall always have my sympathy and support. May it live as long as the Southern Illinois Normal University exists. And when the institution dies—if it die must—may the NORMAL GAZETTE speak forth in words of affection that each heart may be cheered and that the bonds of love and friendship formed within those walls of learning may never be broken asunder until severed by the Grim Sicker, who calls all

"To the pale realms of shade, where each shall take  
His chamber in the silent halls of death."

I don't like to be partial, but you know that once an American, always an American; once a Normal student, always a Normal student; and, finally, once a Zetetic, always a Zetetic. For, sir, when the Zetetic interest "raised its first voice, and where its youth was nurtured and sustained, there it still lives, in the strength of its manhood, and full of its original spirit."

The NORMAL GAZETTE furnishes a medium through which we may hear of the whereabouts and doings of many of our school mates and Socratic friends—Socratic and "Zetetic." And, while I

am always deeply interested in the success or the Socratic Society, I rejoice more, it seems, when I hear good news from my own Zetetic home. Although I feel in the mood, "I shall enter on no encomium upon the Zetetic Society. There she is. Behold her, and judge for yourselves."

Perhaps I have written enough on that strain. A few words concerning myself and I close. Following the suggestions of the circular sent me: I entered the Normal as a student in the fall of '81. My last term was in the spring of '86. During this time I was regularly in school until the last two years, when I missed several terms.

For three years I enjoyed the privilege of the military department under the command of captains Dan Kimmel and Prof. G. V. Buchanan.

With the exception of the first three or four weeks I was a regular member of the Zetetic Society. I believe during my stay I never had any sad experiences with the Faculty. The most serious burden I had to bear, together with Miss Cynthia Adams, was the burning of the old Normal building. We were accused unmercifully and unjustly, too, of being the incendiaries. And all on account of auburn hair. For "Banners yellow, glorious, golden,  
On our roofs did float and flow."

The year after I left school was spent at home, near Belleville. July, however, of that year, (1886,) I attended Moody's Summer School for college boys, at Mt. Hermon, Mass., going as a delegate from the Carbondale Young Men's Christian Association.

The winter of '87 and '88 I was again in school, attending the Morgan Park Theological Seminary. The months of July and August of the present summer will be spent at Chautauqua, N. Y.

As for the future I will say nothing more than that I hope to be in school the next two years. Beyond that time I dare not speak at present.

Again wishing you success in your enterprise, and all the present and former students of the Normal, with the Faculty, a pleasant and prosperous journey through life, I remain  
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We have received quite a number of anxious inquiries as to our midsummer issue, from which we infer that some of our readers have become weary in waiting. We said in our last issue that we would issue our double number the latter part of vacation, and we have kept our promise, and, if anything, we are a little ahead of time.

In our report of commencement exercises, by mistake, the name of Frank Trobaugh was omitted in the program. This was entirely unintentional on our part. His oration, "Wendel Phillips," showed thought and was well received. Mr. Trobaugh has been a faithful and earnest student and his study has been characterized by deep and investigative thought. Frank has the elements to gain success and the GAZETTE will wish that his share will be large.

NUMBER FOUR of *The Review*, a paper published by Company B, of this University, reaches our desk. Prof. Buchanan was the Captain and we notice among the names on officers' roll those of 1st Lieut. K. D. Root and Reed Green, and 2nd Lieut. Oscar N. Gibson and C. C. Cawthon. *The Review* was edited by Louis Koch and is full of interesting notes of the old Company B boys. It should have the hearty support of every member of the company.

CAN a person be found who will say that this one number is not worth fifty cents? THE NORMAL GAZETTE has come to stay. We will bend every energy to make our little paper the pride of the Southern Illinois Normal University. We will work unceasingly to make this meet the want of every old student of the University.

Reader, have you yet sent us your

name and money? It takes backbone, brains and money to run a newspaper. We have the backbone, a small amount of brains, but no money. Can you not aid us?

OUR regular issue now is 1,000 copies; but we want to increase our subscription list to 3,000 during the coming school year. To do this we must have the hearty support of every old student. We have had many say to us, "Why don't you put your subscription price up to one dollar per year? We would gladly pay it, and your paper is doubly worth it." Now we much rather have twice the number of subscribers at one-half the price, so we ask your aid. You can, if you try, get us one or two new subscribers, and it would be a very great help to us, for we need all the help we can get.

STEPPING into Miss Finley's room not long ago we were very much pleased to see the addition to the decoration of her room. Across the front of the room was looped a large American flag. About the middle of the flag was a large eagle which held in its mouth a streamer with the motto "E Pluribus Unum." Silent teacher of patriotism. Teachers, as you prepare to decorate your school rooms this fall would it not be a good idea for you to make a central piece of the stars and stripes? Although you may not have the stuffed eagle, you can have the flag and the motto, which will serve as a standing object lesson from which you can draw inexhaustibly, and in ways which will suggest themselves can teach your pupils lessons of patriotism which will never be forgotten.

We are glad to inform our readers that Prof. W. O. Melton, President of the Sloan-Duployan Short-hand Institute of St. Louis, has established a short-hand and typewriting school in this city. Prof. M. is well known to many of our readers and we hope that many will avail themselves of this opportunity to learn this almost indispensable art. No professional work pays better than short-hand. It can be, and is, successfully taught by mail. Prof. Melton now has a large and successful corresponding class. He leaves the Sloan-Duployan school at St. Louis in the hands of Prof. A. C. Crain and the corresponding class with Mrs. W. O. Melton, who is an able teacher. The Professor will have rooms in the temporary building at the University here during the Normal terms. For the present he has rooms in Dr. Edwards' office building, where he will at once commence giving lessons to all who apply. For further particulars apply at his office or address, Prof. W. O. Melton, Box 305, Carbondale, Ill.

## THE LITERARY SOCIETIES.

We are sorry to note that not all of our students are members of one or the other of the literary societies. No student can afford to stay out of the ranks of the societies. The aid received from them is inestimable. "Knowledge is power." But if we can not use our knowledge, is knowledge power? We may be able to write a convincing argument, an eloquent oration, or a beautiful essay; but if the delivery is not equal to it, will it be received as a convincing argument? Will the oration be eloquent, or the essay beautiful?

What you say is essential; but it is none the less essential how you say it. The ability to appear at ease before an audience comes only from continued experience. Self confidence is essential to success in any walk of life, and no better place can be found than upon the floor of our society halls, with an

audience staring one in the face, to gain that experience. But this is not the only object of society work. Persons are often called upon without warning to preside over some deliberative body, and, unless acquainted with parliamentary rules, a scene, very embarrassing to the person called upon and the body over which he presides, ensues. The society work is done in accordance with parliamentary rules, and so one who is constantly in the work becomes familiar with the proper methods of doing business, and is ready at any time to do himself credit as a presiding officer of any body; and not only does one thus become a good officer of such bodies, but also an intelligent working member of the same. He knows in what form motions should be made and just what motions are in order. He recognizes the rights and duties of the officers and other members of that body as well as his own, and so everything works harmoniously.

We would earnestly urge every student not now a member of either society to join himself to the one of his choice immediately, with the determination to make an active member in its full sense.

## EDITORS OF THE NORMAL GAZETTE:

Dear Sirs:—The following is a skeleton of the program of the late session of the National Educational Association held at San Francisco, July 17-20: A detailed account of each paper would be too tedious and more than your readers would appreciate.

It may be truly stated that the people of California sustained their well deserved reputation as royal entertainers of guests to their shores. Never before in the history of the National Association were a company of teachers entertained in such magnificent style. I am not exaggerating when I say that no other State in the Union can afford so many points of attraction for a body of teachers. I will name a few; her glorious Pacific Coast; her mountains of gold that have allured the fortune hunters for nearly half a century; her vast wheat fields; her ranches of the orange and the grape; her tall trees and marvelous valleys; her mountain ranges and fertile plains. These are so exhibited as to furnish a continuous series of panoramic surprises, ever charming the sight-seer, and giving him a right conception of the land about which he has heard and read so much. But I must not dwell longer here. In the words of Mr. Sheldon of Boston it may be said again: "Webster's Unabridged Dictionary has been exhausted in the attempt to describe the royal manner in which the teachers from the East were entertained by the teachers and their friends of California. It is useless to endeavor to say more."

The attendance upon the meetings was large and the interest great. The following is simply the skeleton of the program of the different departments. Your readers will be left to note the trend of the educational thought of today:—

## FIRST SESSION.

Grand Concert: 600 voices and 75 instruments.

Speeches of Welcome and Responses.

## SECOND SESSION.

Theme: "Literature in the Reading Courses of the Common Schools."

Papers, 1. "The place of Literature in Common School Education."

2. "Practical Methods of Using Literature in Teaching Children to Read."

3. "The Practical Value in Life of a Taste for Good Literature."

4. "Ought Young Girls to Read the Daily Newspapers?"

## THIRD SESSION.

Theme: "How can our Schools best

Prepare Law-abiding and Law-respecting Citizens?"

Papers, 1. "The Knowledge most Valuable to this End."

2. "The Discipline most Valuable to this End."

3. "The Culture most Valuable to this End."

## FOURTH SESSION.

Theme: "Current Criticism of the Public School System and what Answer."

Papers, 1. "The Schools fail to Cultivate the Religious Sentiment or Teach Morality."

2. They fail to give a Reasonable Mastery of the Subjects Taught."

3. They fail to give a Proper Preparation for Active Life."

## FIFTH SESSION.

Theme: "Practical Education."

Papers, 1. "The Psychological Vices."

2. "The Popular View."

3. "Where should General Education end and Special Education begin?"

## SIXTH SESSION.

Theme: "The Relation of the State to School Books and Appliances."

Papers, 1. "The General Function of the State in such Matters."

2. "If there should be Uniformity, should it be (a) by State Contract, (b) by State Publication, or (c) by State Decree?"

3. "Should the State Furnish Books and Appliances Free?"

## SEVENTH SESSION.

1. "Physical Training from the Delsarte Standpoint." Illustrated by a Class of six Young Ladies Dressed in Grecian Costume. A most interesting Exercise.

Papers, 2. "The Working of a Teachers' Aid Society."

3. "What is the True American Idea of Labor?"

(All papers, with but few exceptions, were followed by a discussion.)

PROGRAM OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF EDUCATION.

First Day, July 13.—Report of Committee on Higher Education. Subject: "The Election System in Colleges."

2. Report of Committee on Educational Literature. Subject: "Books on Pedagogy."

Second Day, July 13.—Report of Committee on Education of Girls. Subject: "What is Best and How Secured?"

2. Report of Committee on Technical Education. Subject: "Agricultural Colleges and their Equipment."

Third Day, July 15.—Report of Committee on Education of Girls. Subject: "Waste Education."

2. Report of Committee on City School Systems. Subject: "The Business Side of City School Systems."

DEPT. OF KINDERGARTEN EDUCATION.

First Session.—The Educational Value of the Beautiful.

2. The Educational Value of the Froebel Manual Training.

Second Session.—Infant Psychology the Basis of all Scientific Method.

2. The Ideal Training School for all Kindergartners.

3. Report on European Kindergartners.

DEPT. OF ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTION.

First Session.—Greek Philosophy and Modern Education.

2. Manual Training for Teachers of Elementary Schools.

3. The Application of Arithmetic to Physical Science.

Second Session.—Scientific Method in Teaching Geography.

2. Methods of Teaching Primary Arithmetic.

Third Session.—Class Exercise. The Receiving Class.

2. Methods.

DEPT. OF SECONDARY EDUCATION.  
First Session.—What Study in English is Most Desirable?  
2. Educating the Whole Boy.  
Second Session.—The Relation of the High School to the Training School.  
3. The Desirability of a Free Course in High Schools.

DEPT. OF HIGHER EDUCATION.  
First Session.—Philosophy in Colleges and Universities.  
2. The Place of Religion in Higher Education.  
Second Session.—Higher Instruction on the Pacific Coast; History.  
2. Higher Instructions on the Pacific Coast; Needs and Prospects.  
DEPT. OF NORMAL SCHOOLS.  
First Session.—The Normal School Problem.  
5. The District Work of the Normal School.

Second Session.—The Subject Matter that properly belongs to the Curriculum of the Normal School.  
2. The Training School as an Adjunct of the Normal School.  
Third Session.—The Relation of the Normal School to the Academic Schools.

DEPT. OF SUPERINTENDENCE.  
First Session.—Efficient School Supervision.  
Second Session.—Layman's views on the question: "What shall be taught in the Public Schools?"

2. Ethics of School Management.  
DEPT. OF INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION.  
First Session.—Some Limitations in Industrial Training.  
2. Report on Industrial Education, its progress and condition.

Second Session.—The Relation of Industrial to Intellectual and Moral Training in our Public Schools.  
2. The Educational Power and Utility of Industrial Education and Manual Training in our Grammar Schools.  
Third Session.—The Relation of Manual Training Schools to Schools of Technology.

DEPT. OF ART EDUCATION.  
First Session.—Is the Educational Value of the Construction of Objects in our Public Schools Overestimated?  
Historic Ornament and Design in Public Schools.  
Second Session.—Exhibits Explained by Exhibitors, and Reports made by Committees.

Third Session.—Free Industrial Evening Drawing Schools. Their Importance.

2. On the Importance of a High Aim in the Teaching of Drawing.

DEPT. OF MUSIC INSTRUCTION.  
First Session.—What is good Sight-Singing; and why should it be taught universally?  
2. The Tonic Sol-Fa System. (Illustrated by a class.)  
3. Music Instruction in the Public Schools should be required by state law.

Second Session.—Methods of Teaching Music in the Public Schools.  
2. Church Music (with Illustrations.)  
3. What is the Correct Use of the Voice?

Third Session.—The Use of Accent to Young People; and the Use of Time Language.  
2. How shall we best promote the Teaching of Music in the Public Schools?

3. What can School Superintendents do to advance proper Musical Instruction?  
4. Some helpful things I have learned, forming experience in Teaching Music.

It will be readily seen that special attention was given to the following themes: The use of Literature in

School Work, the Moral Element in School Work, the Practical Element in School Work, the Manual Training Element in School Work.

Beyond doubt the cause of education has taken a deeper hold upon the educational public because of the late meeting. The eyes of the entire nation have been directed to the cause of education on account of the school teacher being abroad in the land and overland. It is generally thought that the next meeting will be held in Nashville, Tenn. If so, Southern Illinois should be well represented.

The California meeting will long be remembered on account of the grand, royal good time in every way.

D. B. PARKINSON.

## University Findings.

Our popular trustee, E. J. Ingersoll, has been in Carbondale all of the vacation, and has been devoting much of his time to superintending needed improvements about the University. Mr. Ingersoll has the good of the S. I. N. U. at heart, and Gov. Hamilton was wise in choosing him to such a responsible position.

Prof. D. B. Parkinson reports himself as highly entertained at the National Teachers' Association, and since his return has been conducting institutes, together with Prof. Inglis, at Vienna and Murphysboro. We are glad to see that Prof. Parkinson is taking the rank he so richly deserves, shoulder to shoulder with the most prominent educators.

Dr. Allen has been visiting his old associations in New England during this vacation, and has inspected some institutions of learning in the East.

Prof. Jerome has been found most of the summer at his desk in the Registrar's office working away on his books, sending GAZETTES, catalogues, and information to the host of inquirers and writing those cheering, helpful letters to the boys and girls that so many have had the pleasure of receiving. He is just now on a trip to Chautauqua to meet with the Executive Committee of the National Sunday School Association.

Prof. Inglis has been increasing his reputation as an institute instructor during this vacation. The Professor and his excellent wife conducted a three weeks' institute at DuQuoin, and it was conceded to be the most successful institute ever held in Perry county. The Professor gave three of his popular lectures, and at the close of the institute Prof. and Mrs. Inglis gave an entertainment which was highly appreciated by a large audience. The institutes of Johnson and Jackson counties also received many golden drops from Prof. Inglis' large stock of experience and common sense methods.

Prof. Hull conducted institutes in Edwards, Wabash, Gallatin, Johnson and Washington counties, which proves his popularity as an institute instructor. We clip the following in regard to him from the Mt. Carmel News: "Prof. Hull was for a score of years superintendent of the schools of McLean county, and was well known as the ablest County Superintendent in the State at that period. Withal he is very modest, quiet and unassuming, and while a disciplinarian by nature, he is kind and sympathetic, and never exhibits any of that pedantry and that effort to show off superior learning which mar the official dignity of some men of our profession. He attends almost infallibly every meeting of the State Association, of which he was

president in 1873, and he has contributed vastly to the success of the Southern Illinois Teachers' Association. He is specially strong in his knowledge of the art of teaching, of mental science, and of the mathematics.

Miss Mary Roberts has been attending Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, New York, taking a special course in book-keeping and commercial law. She is to take the chair of book-keeping in the University the coming year. She will return to her Carbondale home about the 25th of August.

Prof. Buchanan and wife spent a few weeks visiting in Wabash county, and are now enjoying themselves at Kan-kakee.

Miss Tillie Salter has put in most of the vacation visiting and securing needed models for her department, at Chicago, Springfield and St. Louis.

Miss Green has been visiting in Chicago, and is at present at her home at Mt. Vernon, where she is instructing the teachers in the best methods of teaching Geography in the common schools.

Hon. Thos. S. Ridgway, President of the Board of Trustees, has spent some time this summer in Kansas. He was present at the Chicago Convention and is as enthusiastic as ever. He is now at his home in Shawneetown, at his post as Cashier of the Shawneetown Bank. He is especially remembered by our people in Southern Illinois as having been born barefooted.

Miss Buck spent most of her vacation at Nashville, Illinois, but is now at Chautauqua seeing, hearing, and no doubt taking part in some of the meetings. Perhaps she will have something to say of Chautauqua through the columns of the GAZETTE.

Prof. French has been making his beautiful home more beautiful during the summer. The Professor has also been working in his "den" and alternately assuming the person of author, taxidermist and entomologist.

Trustee S. P. Wheeler has not visited us this vacation on account of his ever increasing law business; but no doubt he will be on hand several times during the next school year to greet the boys and girls and give them talks of sound common sense and advice so characteristic of him.

Dr. H. C. Fairbrother, another one of our Board of Trustees, who takes such an interest in the Normal and its boys and girls, is busy with his professional work at East St. Louis, his home. The students never fail to have a good talk when Dr. Fairbrother comes, and we wish his visits could be more frequent.

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ADDRESS TO THE CLASS OF '88.

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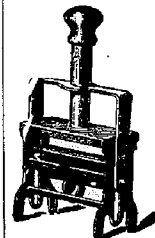
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## Our Mail Bag.

Jos. B. Reynolds has been teaching near Popular Bluff, Mo. He does not expect to attend the Normal next year but his best wishes are with the school and Zetetic Society.

Mary E. Shriver, of Kimbudy, has taught two years near her home with more than ordinary success and this makes her enjoy the teacher's work very much. She has many compliments for the GAZETTE.

Etta Root, of Shobonier, will return to school next term. Miss Root thinks the GAZETTE supplies the one deficiency of the S. I. N. U., and she has many complimentary things to say about it, for which she will please accept our thanks.

Edward Merriek, after severing his connection with the S. I. N. U., wielded the rod for five years. He was admitted to the bar in '84 and has applied himself strictly to law since that time. He is now located at Okawville and is having good success in his chosen profession.

A. M. Gassaway is farming near Galatia and seems to be weighing in his mind whether to make farming his occupation for life or whether to enter some one of the professions. Mr. G. sends us an article for the GAZETTE which we are compelled to omit for want of space.

Mr. J. P. Gerlach expects to attend the University next term and is at the present working on a farm near Sparta. He taught school near Chester last winter and reports good success. He closes by wishing every thing in connection with the Southern Illinois Normal success.

Ada Lingenfelter taught a five months winter term and two months in the spring this last year and will teach again this year. She enjoys the work very much. She says that the year she attended the Normal was a very profitable one to her and she hopes to attend again soon.

John W. Wood, class of '82, since graduation taught four successive years at De Soto, one year at Murphyboro, and last winter at Cobden where he has been engaged for the coming year. Mr. Wood taught nine years before entering the University. He says that if he were writing to an intimate friend he would say that he is still a single man.

Christy R. Haldaman has been visiting friends and relatives at Chapman, Montgomery county, with the hope of improving her health; but we are sorry to say that she is not much improved by the change. She has been interested in Sunday School work and during her stay at Chapman has been visiting Sunday Schools. We hope to report Miss H's entire recovery in the near future.

D. S. Booth, Jr., a student of '82 and '83, did not complete the course, but after leaving the Normal attended the St. Louis Medical College, receiving the degree of M. D. He has been in the hospitals of the Missouri Pacific R. R. at St. Louis and Palestine, Tex. He now has charge of the hospital at the latter place. Palestine is quite an attractive little city with a population of 8,000. It is within a few hours ride of Galveston and but a short distance from Austin and San Antonio.

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It was our intention, as all our readers know, to fill two pages of this issue with Society matter, which we will endeavor to do, if our notes are not so plentiful as was expected. We are sorry that many of our members have failed to send in their reports. We have received but few letters in response to our earnest request that you would make your whereabouts known.

However, we are always glad to receive notes from the Normal students, and we will be sure to receive them kindly at any time. So, if you fail to tell yourself "written up," just remember that through the GAZETTE will be the quickest and best way to communicate with your many friends, and let us hear from you.

PERSONAL.

Miss Allie M. Bailey attended the teachers' institute at Shawneetown and will teach at her home, Equality, Ill., this coming winter. The GAZETTE will visit her regularly.

Our genial friend, J. M. Jones, is spending the summer at his home at West End, Ill., where he expects to teach this winter. Jim is a good fellow and we wish him success.

J. H. Kirkpatrick, a member of the class of '87 and a loyal Socrat, is located at Squak, W. T. He speaks highly of the GAZETTE and says: "You may look me as a subscriber for the next twenty-five years." Who will beat that?

Robert B. Hiller, one of class of the Socratic's able debaters, spent the summer on a fruit farm near Mukanda, Ill., and expects to teach next winter near his home at \$50 per month. The GAZETTE will be a monthly visitor to Robert, telling him how all goes at the S. I. N. U.

Miss Eva E. Moore, a student of the spring term of '87, is enjoying the vacation at her home, Calhoun, where, last year, she held the position of primary teacher in the public schools. She is re-engaged to teach there the coming year.

From Mound City George W. Hayden writes that he has been farming since the spring term of '85, when he left school. He speaks nicely of the GAZETTE but remembers that "gas" is light diet, and sends along some of the "needful," for which we are duly thankful.

J. M. Endicott, one of last year's students, is at home, Crossville. He has been engaged to teach his home school, which surely speaks well for him. Mr. Endicott expects to be in school the fall term of '89, to spend a school year with us. He joins the multitude in wishing the GAZETTE unlimited success.

Guy Blanchard is at home in Tamaroa, where he is clerking in his father's store. Guy writes a very short letter, but remembers the needy and sends along some cash, which is duly appreciated. Guy expects to be in the school again this winter.

Mr. J. E. Ramsey, the tenor singer of the Society, who can "sing clear over the high end of a piano," spends his vacation in Carbondale. He expects to stay in school until he gradu-

ates. He has been reading Blackstone, and we hope to see him "high on the pinnacle of fame."

"How will I succeed with my first term?" Miss Susie Allen asks herself the question and answers with a considerable degree of confidence as she remembers that she has had six terms of training at the S. I. N. U. since the fall term of '83. Miss Allen expects to graduate here some time in the future. The GAZETTE wishes her success.

William T. Glenn attended the Normal during the winter of '84 and '85, has taught ever since leaving school, and at the same place at \$40 per month the first two winters, \$45 last winter, and has been engaged to teach the same school the coming winter at \$50. Who can give a better record? Mr. Glenn hopes to return and complete the course at the Normal.

F. F. Sams is located in Reyno, a town of northern Arkansas. He says that "Suckers" are not appreciated as they ought to be in Arkansas, and that we have a wrong notion of that State; that it is a much finer country than we have an idea. Mr. Sams has the principalship of the schools of Reyno for a period of three months. He expects to return to the Normal the second week of the coming term.

W. Y. Smith spent three regular and two special terms at the Normal, entering first the spring term of '78. Mr. Smith's home is in Vienna, Johnson county. He was elected Superintendent of Schools in that county in '82, and has since held that position. He expressed a hope that he would hear from very many "old Socrats" through the GAZETTE, and thus spoke of his success: "In 1883, after many fruitless efforts, I succeeded in getting married."

After leaving the S. I. N. U. in '84, Miss Phoebe A. Davis taught in the village of Norwich, Ia., which is her present home. Last year she attended the Simpson College at Indianola, Ia., as a scientific student, and says: "Here I formed new college associations, becoming a member of another literary society, but have never forgotten my first love, the dear old Socratic, which took me in my college youth and prepared me for more rugged conflicts."

D. J. Cowan, class of '87, has taught nine months since graduation: six months at Vienna, Ill., and three months in Washington Ty., where he is now located. He gives a glowing description of the county of Eastern Washington Territory. He says it is rather hard on a man who has been a man only a short time not to be allowed a vote for President, and then says: "Washington Ty. wants to be a State." Everybody will remember Mr. Cowan as the handsome military man of the Society in '86-7.

At Sareedie, Mo., A. A. Denton is spending the summer. Mr. Denton is an old teacher, having taught two years in East Tennessee, five years in Illinois and one year in Missouri. He was in attendance at the Normal the three spring terms of '84 '86 and '87, and speaks highly of the mental drill received in the school and also the physical drill on the military campus. He says that the public schools of Southwest Missouri do not compare at all favorably with those of Southern Illinois. Mr. Denton is president of the Socratic Y. M. C. A.

A. N. Taylor attended the Normal during the spring term of '85. He mentions this as the "dark term" of the school, as it was then that the friends of the University anxiously awaited for the appropriation from the State to erect the new building.

When this term closed Mr. Taylor returned to his home in Lawrence county, Ill., and since that time has not seen one of the instructors of the Normal except Prof. Browlee, whom he met at the Lawrence County Institute, summer of '85. Mr. T. taught during the winter of '86 and '87 near his home. In the spring of '87 he went to Mitchell, Indiana, to attend the Normal school at that place and has been to school there until the present time. He will teach in Illinois this coming winter.

For those not satisfied with the Normal, he says:

"Let me advise all those who attend the Southern Illinois Normal University to stick to the school, for when you leave it for one better you will find as I have found that it is the best in the long run."

Norman A. Jay first entered the Normal in the fall of '83 and remained until the burning of the building, when he left school on account of ill health. Mr. Jay returned to school in February, '84. His health failing he again left school before the term closed. In '84 he again entered and was in school two terms, and joined the Socratic society, where he found Messrs. Hilman, Toothaker and Ripley and Misses Duff and Hawkins with others who were striving to keep the Socratic Society floating.

Mr. Jay taught his first school during the winter of '85 and '86, in Randolph county. During the year '86 and '87 he was again in school and last year he taught again. He is now at his home near Steeleville, Ill., where he has been engaged in silk culture and says that it is far cheaper to buy than raise silk. Of the Military department of our school he says:

"Throughout my attendance at the University I took a great interest in the Military department, serving as a cadet each term but one. Any boy who enters that department for one year, or even one term, and takes in it a decided interest, it will help him physically to a wonderful extent, and what is good for him physically is good for him mentally. It will take the creaking-chair out of a man and make him walk with steady pace and head erect; and salute a passing cloud without meeting his hand half way with his head, knocking off his hat in his awkwardness and becoming unjoined generally. In fact it will knock off the scales of emaciation and awkwardness and make a man of him."

Eneas J. McCurdy, one of the funny men of the Society, is now in St. Louis, employed with the Famous Clothing House. He obtained a short vacation this summer and came down to Marissa, his home, and could not resist the temptation of running down to Carbondale, "just to see how things look, you know." We were delighted to see him.

H. C. Strickland was in school at the Normal in '77. We had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Strickland in the Galatia County Teachers' Institute. He is a very pleasant and agreeable gentleman. He teaches in the Shawneetown schools this winter.

Last year's Socratics will remember W. P. Cochran for the active part he took in the Society: one of our best workers and a splendid writer of compositions. He writes from Mukanda where he is in the "fruit business" this summer. That is, he helps himself when hungry. He begins teaching his fourth term of school September 19. He speaks with pride of the Normal and its features and especially of the "glorious old Socratic Society."

Our "funny man," R. E. Steele is spending his summer in luxurious res-

fulness at his home in Percy, Ill. He expects to make Carbondale his home in the near future.

Keat E. Keller, who has often distinguished himself by his speeches *extempore*, has taken the stump as a political speaker and has made several speeches which have been well received.

Misses Mabel Smith and Anna Teeter will be remembered by all lovers of music for their splendid vocal efforts. They recently took part in an entertainment in Murphysboro, where they acquitted themselves in their usual charming manner.

It will be remembered that Miss Anna Morgan was compelled to leave school last spring term, on account of ill health. She is spending the summer at her home in DeSoto, testing, hoping to be able to teach in the DeSoto schools this winter.

Miss Anna Kennedy has spent a part of the vacation in visiting friends and relatives in Pinckney, Mo. and Saad Ridge and expects to visit Da Quon soon. We are sorry to say that Miss Kennedy will not be in school this coming year.

S. P. Young entered the Normal in the fall of '86. He at once joined the Socratic Society, a deed which he says, has ever since been a cause for self-gratulation. Mr. Young was with us only about a half term. When he started in it was his intention to make teaching school his profession, but a change of purpose necessitated a change of school and he left us to go to McKendree college, at Lebanon, where he has been in school since. His purpose is to graduate from the McKendree after two years more work there, and then enter the theological department of the Boston University, fitting himself in the end for the ministry. He does not expect to be with us again as a student, and his idea of duty would be followed by us all with benefit. In speaking of the pleasure he would be afforded by being with us again, he says: "I think duty calls me elsewhere and I must follow. It may be my duty to work at home or it may be my privilege and duty to go to Central Africa. If so, I hope I may have the courage to gladly and promptly go. Finally, let us remember that in the very effort of climbing higher in purpose and thought, we become developed in that calm strength, possessed of the most honored flexibility, assuming easily all the accomplishments of refined life. Graceful as we are strong, wonderful in our adaptation to every demand, for the reformed patriot or the martyrs of faith, and redress for the charm of the social circle or the adornment of homes, masters of the principles of philosophy and the niceties of taste, and above all to be useful men and women to be consecrated in our desire to the honor and glory of God, and the building up of humanity, and then shall we be developed men and women as well as Christians, become not half developed cowards, giants, not pigmies, in mind and purpose. Sons of God made in His noble image and under His fatherly care, shall we come to be perfect men and women."

REMINISCENCES OF AN OLDSO CRATH.

EDITORS GAZETTE: I often recall with greatest pleasure, time in what may seem the crassest roll of years, effaces and blots on the memory events that would perhaps have seemed in our school life of such importance that they could never be forgotten. Yet it is true that, notwithstanding the school days, as a rule, are recognized as the happiest period of one's life and for that reason should be treasured in



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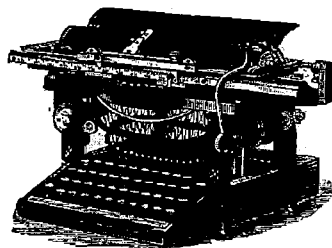
Well as I now remember, the Socratic Literary Society was organized in the fall term of the second year of the Normal, in what afterward became the Socratic Hall, a room in the southwest portion of the building on the third floor. In fact the Socratic of to-day may wonder and take pride in the extreme poverty which confronted the prime movers of this little yet great literary sphere. The first meeting was held by the aid of a few tallow candles with their sickly rays of light, and a few chairs borrowed for the occasion. The name, as may be readily seen, was taken after that great ancient sage, Socrates, and I believe was suggested, as was the motto, "*Non Vera Felicitas Sine Sapientia*," by Prof. C. W. Jerome. The first president was H. W. Ridenhower, of Vienna, Illinois, and the first secretary was W. H. Allen, of Springfield. Jno. Martin, who formerly lived in this city, was the author of the Constitution and By-Laws which, by the way, would not differ materially from those used now with, however, one conspicuous exception. That difference consisted in a provision which excluded the ladies from membership. It may yet be remembered by some of the older members that this peculiar feature of the constitution came near resulting in the destruction of every vestige of strength there was in union. For, as was afterwards practically demonstrated, it would have been difficult for the society to have remained longer in existence without the refining influences of the weaker(?) sex. Only by a small majority was the constitution with reference to her ineligibility adopted, there being many who deemed it inadvisable to exclude her. Soon after organization two very bitter and antagonistic factions arose, partly on account of this question, and after long contention the minority withdrew and allied themselves with the Zetetic Society, which had been organized with the opening of the school. To be brief, however, this section of the constitution was soon afterwards amended, allowing the boys to come out and bring their girls; and it is certainly safe to say that from that time dates the real growth and prosperity of the society. In a short time the membership swelled itself into a number equal to that of the other end of the literary world in the University; the hall was perceptibly improved in appearance; an organ, which wheezed a little, was purchased; a library, through the kindness of outside friends, was instituted, and many other obvious indications of thrift and general enterprise manifested themselves in so many re-

spects that a future of no mean proportions was more than assured. This was as early as in '77. What good work has been done by the followers of Socrates since then it is certainly not expected that I should undertake to tell.

Speaking, however, of the past, reminds me forcibly of the fact that there has been a decided revolution in both of the societies so far as concerns the young ladies. Now, for several years, for instance, they took but little part in the exercises of the program beyond accompanying the brave young debater to his field of battle, or perhaps more than to assist in the rendition of some music. It was considered an heroic act for a young lady to take the platform and recite even some little piece of poetry and return to her place in the audience without fainting away. Such a thing as taking part in debate or delivering an oration was unheard of, and to my certain knowledge was never undertaken for several years after the Socratic Society was a prosperous literary institution. But now it is far different. The girls can sing, play, recite, debate, and I have even heard first-class orations on "The Rights of Women." These things I mention, not as detrimental or as out of place, but as showing the rapid strides of both societies in this particular respect.

Another feature that I remember very well was the strong disposition to create and nurture divisions on almost any question brought before the society for consideration. As many are aware, there was a wing of the Socratic hall extending south, and also one west. These two divisions of the hall were denominated as the south end and the west end. Usually there existed two or more strong factions throughout the entire year, and they would take their places in these wings of the hall according to the faction alliance had been given. If one side proposed, the other antagonized. It made no difference as to what the question was, the strength for or against any proposition was always a foregone conclusion. On one occasion, which happened to be the night for the election of officers, it was anticipated that there would not be sufficient time for the business meeting to be held on account of a very long program to be rendered. It was understood mutually on the part of both the west and south ends that an adjournment would be taken to the next Monday afternoon, at which time the regular business of the society would be transacted. But so far as concerned the south end, this was only an ostensible undertaking. That particular element at that time was in the minority, but was very desirous of electing some of their own number as officers. It was the custom of the jan-

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itor to ring the bells throughout the building about ten minutes before the lights in the hall would be extinguished. When this signal was given on that night, and the remaining ten minutes had been consumed, the motion to adjourn was made and seconded by the west end, thinking of course it would receive the necessary vote for it to carry. On being stated by the chair and the vote being taken *vote voce*, the west end gave its united vote. When the opposition was called for it seemed as if the entire school was packed in the south end. The chagrin of the other side could well be imagined. The motion, of course, was declared lost. That portion of the hall used by the south end faction had been literally packed with Zetetics for the occasion. Just about that time the lights were extinguished throughout the entire building. The west enders vacated their seats, thinking everyone would

leave as had been the case at all previous meetings under such circumstances. No sooner, however, had they departed, when the victorious remnant produced caudles previously prepared, with which the meeting was continued. It is unnecessary to state that a south end man was elected from president to janitor. The boys of the opposing faction saw the point later on.

There are many other such amusing incidents that might be told, but I am already, I fear, making my article too long. As to some of the laudable work done by this literary society, may be mentioned many brilliant entertainments and one or two contests in which Socrates always held their own. I could name those who, in their time, composed the galaxy of literary gems in this society, who have sustained the high standards held up by them, in after years, and who have demonstrated the good work being accomplished by both society and school, but for the present I will concede I have already proven my article wearisome.

AN OLD SOCRATIC.